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1. GROUP B MET FEB. 26 WITH CHAIRMAN OF G-77 (ZAIRE) WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY REPS OF ALGERIA (KHERBI-WHO CAME FROM GENEVA) AND PHILIPPINES. (ZAIRE ALSO REPRESENTED BY MEMBER OF THEIR GENEVA MISSION.) ALTHOUGH MEETING INITIALLY DESCRIBED AS OCCASION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GROUP B OF G-77 ALGIERS VERSION OF DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION, TEXTS HAD ALREADY BEEN CIRCULATED LATE THE PREVIOUS DAY THROUGH GROUP B CHAIRMAN. (COPY AIRMAILED IO/CMD FEB. 26). G-77 REPS CHARACTERIZED MEETING AS, IN THEIR VIEW, THE BEGINNING OF THE DIALOGUE ENVISAGED AT PC-V, WHICH
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THEY HOPED WOULD CONTINUE IN LIMA AND INVITED QUESTIONS

AND OBSERVATIONS ON ALGIERS TEXT. EMPHASIZED THAT G-77 DRAFT WAS INTENDED TO BE WORKING DOCUMENT WHICH COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED AND THAT G-77 LOOKED FORWARD TO PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION DURING THE CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD LEAD TO EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION, SINCE WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LDC OBJECTIVES COULD NOT BE MET. ALGERIAN REP (WHO DID MOST OF TALKING) STRESSED THAT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE AT ALGIERS BY THE 77 TO THINK THROUGH AND PRESENT A COHERENT POSITION. IN THIS CONNECTION GROUP B REPS INQUIRED TO WHAT EXTENT THE GROUP B VIEWS AS SET OUT IN DOCUMENT B/4 HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ALGIERS. KHERBI RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO TRY TO ANSWER QUESTION "IN A MECHANICAL MANNER" BY ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY PARTICULAR PARAGRAPHS OF THE GROUP B TEXT AS HAVING BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE G-77 DRAFT, BUT ASSERTED THAT THE GROUP B PAPER HAD INDEED "AFFECTED THE THINKING" OF THE G-77. SINCE THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY REVISED G-77 PAPER, GROUP B RESTRICTED ITSELF TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION (E.G. RELATIONSHIP ENVISAGED BETWEEN PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FUND). G-77 REPS CONFIRMED THAT THREE RESOLUTIONS DESCRIBED PARA 4 REF A BEING REVIEWED BY LOCAL WORKING PARTY.

2. G-77 REPS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT DISCUSSIONS AT ALGIERS ON COMPOSITION OF CONFERENCE BUREAU HAD DEVELOPED ALONG LINES REPORTED PARA 5 REF A. QUESTION OF WHETHER BUREAU WOULD, IN ADDITION TO ACTING AS CONFERENCE STEERING COMMITTEE, SERVE AS SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT GROUP WAS NOT ADDRESSED AT ALGIERS; NOR HAD THERE BEEN ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PREPCOM RECOMMENDATION THAT CONFERENCE ESTABLISH A DRAFTING COMMITTEE. G-77 ACCEPTED CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION RECOMMENDED BY PREPCOM.

3. WHEN MEETING ADJOURNED WAS CLEAR THAT NO FURTHER GROUP B/G-77 MEETING WOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO LIMA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. GROUP B CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED GROUP B MEETING FEB. 27 BUT DID NOT INDICATE AGENDA. WE WILL TAKE OCCASION TO CIRCULATE DEPT'S VIEWS CONTAINED REF C ON FRENCH-CHAIRMAN WORKING PARTY'S REVISION OF PARA 8 OF DECLARATION: MISSION HAD PREVIOUSLY ENTERED BLANKET RESERVATION ON REDRAFTING PARA DURING INITIAL GROUP B REVIEW OF WORKING PARTY PRODUCT

REPORTED FEB. 14 STIBRAVY/HOFFMAN TELECON CALLING
ATTENTION TO VARIOUS OBJECTIONABLE PASSAGES. WE
HAD ALSO ENTERED RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO
VARIOUS PARAGRAPHS ADDRESSED REF B AND ARGUED
THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT UNDERMINING THE STATUS
OF GROUP B JANUARY DRAFT (DOCUMENT B/4).
AS REPORTED PARA 6 REF A GROUP B HAS MARKED TIME
DURING LAST FEW DAYS. IT IS POSSIBLE THA STEAM
MAY HAVE GONE OUT OF EXERCISE AS FAR AS EC-9 CONCERNED,
WITH COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS REPORTED REF D NOW
OCCUPYING THEIR ATTENTION.STIBRAVY

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